

STATUS OF CLAIMS

1. (Canceled.)

2. (Canceled.)

3. (Canceled.)

4. (Canceled.)

5. (Canceled.)

6. (Canceled.)

7. (Original) A method for designing a progressive addition surface comprising the steps of: a.) designing a progressive surface comprising at least one first area of unwanted astigmatism; b.) designing a regressive surface comprising at least one second area of unwanted astigmatism; and c.) combining the progressive and regressive surface designs to form a composite progressive surface design, wherein the at least one first and second areas of unwanted astigmatism are substantially aligned.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein each of the progressive and regressive surface designs is one of a hard design, a soft design, or a combination thereof.

9. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein each of the progressive and regressive surface designs are hard designs.

10. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein each of the progressive and regressive surface designs are soft designs.

11. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein a surface formed from the composite surface design exhibits maximum, localized unwanted astigmatism that is less than about 0.125 diopters than the sum of an absolute value of the maximum, localized unwanted astigmatism of each of the progressive and regressive surfaces.

12. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the composite surface design comprises more than one area of maximum, localized unwanted astigmatism on each side of the composite surface's channel.

13. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the progressive and regressive surface designs are expressed as sag departures from a base curvature.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the base curvature is a concave curvature or a convex curvature.

15. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein step c.) is carried out by summing the progressive surface and regressive surface design sag values according to the following equation:

$$Z(x, y) = \sum a_i Z_i(x, y) \quad (I)$$

wherein Z is the composite surface sag value departure from a base curvature at point (x, y) , Z_i is the sag departure for the i th surface to be combined at point (x, y) and a_i are coefficients.

REMARKS

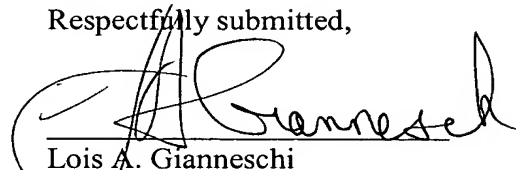
Entry of the foregoing amendments prior to calculation of the filing fee is respectfully requested. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims, as amended, are in

condition for allowance. Entry of the amendments, withdrawal of the objections and rejections, and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

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